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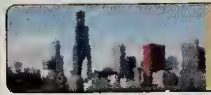
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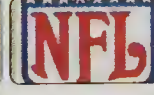
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Administrators, students work to overhaul SGA

Brian Bultema
Managing Editor

After cancelled elections last April, the PUC Student Government Association is being restructured by a team of administrators and students this semester to fit the campus better. The SGA will remain inactive during the fall semester as a restructuring committee looks at student government models from other college campuses like PUC.

Only days before the SGA elections last April the PUC administration pulled the plug after it became apparent too few candidates were running. With slots for a president, vice president, treasurer, secretary and 12 senators, many offices were uncontested or simply void of a candidate.

Additionally, many of the candidates who expressed interest were ineligible due to either a low GPA or an inadequate class standing.

It is a problem that has been building for years, according to

Gloria Roldan-Schieb, director of campus life at PUC.

"We are restructuring because the current model was one that fit a traditional, mostly residential student body," Roldan-Schieb said. "In addition, 55 percent of our students work from 21 to 40 hours per week. This does not provide for rich student body participation."

Crystal Watson, SGA vice president last year, said the administration and the SGA were in disagreement about some of their functions last year, especially in the staffing of committees on campus. The SGA was expected to staff student slots on committees like the food service committee, the textbook committee and the faculty senate, according to Watson.

"It put us in a bind because we could barely fill our own offices," Watson said.

The SGA also suffered numerous resignations by student senators throughout last school year which left the staff even more meager.

Now Watson said she plans to



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Due to a lack of qualified candidates, the SGA election was cancelled by PUC administration. The SGA will be inactive during the fall semester.

be a part of the restructuring process, though she said only about four students have been showing interest in being involved in the planning.

An email was sent out from the Office of Student Affairs during the summer inviting all students to assist in overhauling the SGA, and eligible candidates from the spring elections were invited to a meeting to discuss the forming of a committee.

Since then details of the new governance model are vague, but Watson said the committee is looking at structuring the SGA like

a student council with fewer positions and much more involvement with both University Villages.

Roldan-Schieb said the restructuring committee will handle all student appointments to committee positions this semester and that they are making good headway of planning for future of student government at PUC.

"We are probably looking at creating a model of student governance that is unlike any model out there," Roldan-Schieb said.

Roldan-Schieb said the committee plans on only taking one semester to reform the SGA, but that

several years ago a restructuring process took a whole academic year.

Roldan-Schieb is quick to point out that the administration is not changing the SGA, but that lack of student initiative over the last few years made change inevitable.

"The administration is not changing the SGA," Roldan-Schieb said. "Interested students are doing so, with administrative support. The administrative goal is to cease involvement in this process once the new model is developed by the students."

Convocation opens semester

Jessica Figurski
Staff Writer

Spirits ran high on campus Thursday as the new academic school year began with the second Student Convocation.

By mid-morning students swarmed the sidewalks of the Founders Plaza with anticipation for the festivities to begin.

The opening ceremony began with a faculty procession and the ringing of the bells. Chancellor Howard Cohen gave the keynote speech in which he explained the convocation brings a group of people together for a purpose.

Chancellor Cohen then announced that the convocation will become an annual event after two years.

Associate professor of nursing Maureen Marthaler moderated a discussion on stage about how to obtain success as a PUC student. The panel was made up of both faculty and students who offered advice to freshmen about their col-



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A panel composed of students and faculty members discuss topics like advice to current freshman and graduate school.

lege experience. One panel member, graduate student Nimish Nimish, who graduated from PUC with a bachelor's degree in computer engineering, said the university helped him attain admission to the graduate school and become an avid learner.

"Goals are dreams with deadlines," Nimish said.

Another panel member, Na-

talie King, an elementary education major, urged students to take advantage of all the opportunities that they are given by professors. King said these opportunities can range from office hours to networking, but use the information that is put out there.

With 60 tables sponsored by various student and academic organizations, some students in the

senior class wished PUC started the convocation before last year.

Dawn Graves, a senior majoring in Spanish and secondary education said, "This is a great opportunity for students to see what goes on at PUC. Students can have a fun afternoon and learn about Purdue."

Graves said she didn't know many of the organization present

at the convocation even existed.

The smell of food and music hung in the air all afternoon as did the sounds of White Dove, a Caribbean R&B jazz band, which kept the atmosphere lively while students munched on everything from hot dogs to caramel apples to walking tacos.

A horse was also displayed in the plaza to promote the new Equine Management major available this year at PUC.

Perhaps the busiest display during the event was the Student Affairs booth which handed out one gigabyte jump drives to the first 2000 students to walk over.

Due to the amount of interest given to the event, the second annual Student Convocation can be considered a success, according to Marthaler.

In the words of Marthaler: "It's all about the kids."

For more photos of convocation, turn to Page 3

ADMINISTRATIVE

update

Is our campus prepared for an emergency?

When a severe storm ripped through north Lake County the evening of Aug. 4, leaving much of Purdue Calumet without power, we were left to pick up the pieces the next day.

Assessing impact/damage; making decisions; developing and executing contingency plans; and communicating those decisions, plans and updates to our constituents in an accurate and timely manner are part of a Purdue Calumet Crisis Management Plan that was exercised in part Aug. 4-5.

Since March, 2006, a Campus Crisis Management Team has met regularly to plan, anticipate, prepare for and manage the possibility of a campus emergency or crisis.

Here's what we have done to advance emergency preparedness...

- established a Campus Crisis Management Team that meets regularly and conducts tabletop training exercises;
- developed Campus Crisis Management & Campus Crisis Communication Plans;
- created on the Purdue Calumet web site an Emergency Preparedness page: www.calumet.purdue.edu/emergency;
- developed an "Emergency Alert" for publishing on the Purdue Calumet web site home page announcements of urgency and status updates;
- instituted a public address, Emergency Notification System for communicating urgent information within specific campus buildings;
- posted Emergency Preparedness information in each classroom and office;
- developed contingency relocation plans for key campus business operations in the event of a power outage;
- invested \$1.4 million in emergency generator capabilities around campus;
- partnered with community organizations to facilitate emergency training drills.

Workplace Violence seminar is 9/9

Purdue Calumet takes its emergency preparedness commitment to the campus next week (Sept. 8-12) during the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's National Emergency Preparedness Month. (For helpful information about how to prepare for a crisis, go to www.ready.gov.)

Presentations and tests of the campus' Emergency Notification System will take place next week.

National Preparedness Month

A Workplace Violence seminar is scheduled Tuesday (9/9) at The Calumet Conference Center, from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Seminar leader Dan Larson, a retired 26-year Purdue police officer and workforce violence prevention training specialist, will cover such topics as potential workplace violence awareness, recognizing early warning signs and handling confrontational individuals. Students, faculty and staff may register to attend on line at lowry@calumet.purdue.edu.

Campus schedule of Emergency Preparedness Week activities**Monday, 9/8**

- **10am-10:30** -- Test of Emergency Notification System/Fire Alarm (Anderson, CLO, Potter, Academic Learning Center)

Tuesday, 9/9

- **8 am-11:30** -- Workplace Violence Awareness Seminar, The Calumet Conference Center (Advance register at lowry@calumet.purdue.edu)
- **10 am-10:30** -- Test of Automatic Calling System (Departments, faculty & staff homes)
- **1 pm-1:30** -- Test of Emergency Notification System/Fire Alarm (Annex, Gyte, Powers)

Wednesday, 9/10

- **9 am-9:30** -- Test of Emergency Notification System/Fire Alarm (Lawshe, Porter, SUL)
- **11:30 am-12:30 pm** -- Crisis Communication Team meeting, featuring demonstration of communication technology, LAWS 305.

Thursday, 9/11

- **1:30 pm-2:00** -- Test of Emergency Notification System/Fire Alarm (Univ.Village, Fitness & Rec. Center, Conf.Center, Child Center)

Friday, 9/12

- **9 am-9:30** -- Test of Emergency Notification System/Fire Alarm (Univ.Serv., Com.Serv., Univ.Police)
- **Noon-1 pm** -- University Forum meeting; Focus: Campus Power Outage (8/4-5) Debriefing, SUL Alumni Hall

Saturday, 9/13

- **10am-10:30** -- Test of Emergency Notification System/Fire Alarm (Anderson, CLO, Potter, Gyte, Annex, Porter)

What's Going On?

A Look Around...

The Second City

Back by popular demand, the legendary comedy troop, The Second City will perform live in Alumni Hall at Purdue Calumet on Friday, September 26 from 7 to 9 P.M. Last year's audience roared with laughter. Discounted tickets for students are limited at \$10 each while quantities last. Students must show PUC student ID at time of purchase. Tickets for Purdue Alumni Association - Calumet members are \$15. Tickets for all others are \$20. Open to the general public. Doors will be open at 6 p.m. Call the alumni office for details at 989-2308.

Twinkie the Kid

On Wednesday, September 2 at 1:30 am, Twinkie the Kid will be walking around campus. He will be handing out free Twinkies to promote the intramural Twinkie eating contest.

Alumni Leaders Day

Mark your calendar for Friday, November 14 from 4:30 to 8 p.m. The Event will include an open forum, networking reception with hors d'oeuvres, and presentation of the outstanding alumni awards. Alumni Leaders Day is co-sponsored by the Purdue Alumni Association - Calumet and the Office of Career Services. For details, call the alumni office at 989-2308

Mandatory Student Organization Training

Student organizations planning to be active this school year, must have their officers attend annual training prior to approval of events. Training is scheduled for Friday, September 12, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in SUL 321. To register for training, please go to calumet.purdue.edu/ccld/calendar/showAllEvents.asp. Deadline to register is Monday, September 5th. For more information or questions, please contact the Office of Student Activities at 989-2369 or send a e-mail to studentactivities@calumet.purdue.edu.

Student Employment's Fourth Annual Job Fair

SUL Concourse, Wednesday, September 3, 2008 from 11 am - 2 pm. Bring a resume and meet on and off campus employers seeking to hire students for various positions. For more information, contact Lorraine Fiordelisi in the Career Services and Student Employment Coordinator at 989.2529

Chancellor's Reading Circle

Student Activities is looking for students who are interested in participating in the Chancellor's Reading Circle on Tuesday, October 14th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thunderstruck by Erik Larson will be discussed. Interested students may register at SUL 104B or contact Student Activities at 989-2369 for more information. A current class schedule is required when registering for event. Books are free and refreshments are provided at discussion.

International Student Organization

The International Student Organization invites all students to a meet and greet reception for its inaugural meeting. The event will be held in Calumet Falls on September 5 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

A discussion on the college experience

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. is sponsoring Get a Clue: College Experience on September 3. The event will feature a discussion on getting the most out of the college experience at PUC. The event will be held in Calumet Falls from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Cheerleading Tryouts

Tryouts for the PUC cheerleading squad will be held September 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Fitness and Recreation Center. Any male or female interested in cheering for the men's and women's basketball team may contact either Rhianon at 219-805-7631 or Linda at 219-844-8017.

Submitting Briefs

Anyone interested in publicizing events, organizations, clubs or departments in "What's Going On?" must submit briefs the Monday before publication. The Chronicle does not guarantee placement of briefs submitted.

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All systems go for Phase II



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Berglund of Chicago continues to build Phase II of the University Village. The \$21.1 million project is expected to be able to occupy 369 student.

Brian Bultema
Managing Editor

Less than one year from its opening date, the University Village II remains on schedule and on budget to open in time for students next fall. Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services Ken Johnston said aside from less immediate concerns such as interior equipment and staffing for the University Village II the project has been a success.

Berglund Construction of Chicago, who won the bid for the \$21.1 million project, anticipates completing construction by July 1 before the 99 apartments are fully furnished and decorated by the beginning of the school year. Once completed the University Village II will be able to occupy 369 student.

The PUC administration is already banking on the success of the University Village II after every

slot was filled within months of the opening of the first UV. Heavy recruiting among international students and closer relations with universities abroad by the administration in recent years have attracted many students who require housing.

Director of Student Housing Chanda Hott said the waiting list for the current UV already exceeds 100 students and Johnston suspects many more have neglected to add their names to the roster. Johnston said the amount of students waiting in line for a spot in the UV only three years after its opening is a testament to the success of housing at PUC and the future direction of the university.

The Office of Student Housing has not yet made applications available for slots in the University Village II, but Hott said they will likely be available at the end of the fall semester.

Student convocation 2008



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(Upper Left) Beth Pellicciotti of Academic Affairs feeds a Mona a carrot as Judith Kaufman looks on. Mona was brought in to represent PUC School of Management's new degree program in Equine Management. The program is one of only five in the country. Equine management is a \$39 billion industry in the U.S.

(Upper Right) Brittany Steward of Chartwells makes cotton candy to be distributed at the TRIO Program table..

(Bottom Left) Joyce Podkul of Chartwells prepares a walking taco for interim Chief of Police Leo Finnerty and officer Russ Schanlaub.



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I'm finally growing up



Katie Ramsey
Entertainment Editor

There are little events that keep transpiring in my life that I can no longer ignore, and it's time for me to face it.

I'm growing up!

I've attended two weddings this summer, but they weren't for a cousin or some relative I didn't know. These are all people my age. Friends that I've known for a while that have found their soul mate.

My friend in Florida, who is two months older than me, just got engaged a few weeks ago.

I will soon be attending a baby shower and a 1-year-old's birthday party. These are two different friends that I've also known for quite some time. I couldn't be happier for any of them, but it's like father time has invaded my life.

I've looked back on the stuff I use to spend money on like CDs and nights out and have traded them in for Crock Pots and baby clothes for loved ones' special occasions.

I use to pride myself on not settling down, not wanting kids or the whole marriage package and people use to give me props for it. They would all say I was too young and that was just fine.

I'm going to be 25 in November and I'm not a spring chicken anymore. Rather than running from the ties of life I find myself wondering if my day is going to come.

I graduate in December and will have a huge milestone out of the way. I already have the right guy, but he's got a few things to get in line himself before anything serious happens. I already have the itch, but school has always been the priority.

How bad is this itch going to get after I have my diploma?

Talking to an old friend the other day made me realize I'm not alone.

We use to stay up all night in the summer and go to work as we were the next day. Now we need at least eight hours of sleep and have no time to party anyway. Life consists of working so we have money for bills and maybe some left over for going out once a week.

Some of you may be squirming by now, but you're young.

If I was reading this just a year ago I'd be squirming too.

Growing up just kind of crept up on me and before I knew it I was moving out on my own and paying all of my own bills.

It's not all bad though. I have my own car, apartment, phone and manage to somehow pay for it all.



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The SGA gets a facelift

The issue: The reconstruction of the SGA

Our opinion: Students are ill informed about nearly everything on campus. The SGA shouldn't be one of them.

If you've heard it once, you've heard it one hundred times – PUC is not like other schools.

Recently, this has been apparent nowhere more than in the student government on campus.

It's a familiar story around here. Participation waned throughout the year. Too few candidates signed up for the spring elections. Elections were eventually canceled and the SGA office now sits empty for a semester while administrators and students mull over what went wrong last year and how to fix it.

Who's fault is it?

It's the students.

Who else is there to blame besides the body of students on this campus for letting their student government fail?

But don't blame SGA leadership. Jimada Robinson, SGA president last year, and Crystal Watson, SGA vice president last year, did their best after a series of resignations of senators and just

an all around lack of care for the student government left their staff meager.

Now it's blatantly obvious that the student government hardly possesses any real power on campus. The administration makes the decisions and the SGA can merely petition them if they disagree.

But student government is a given on any college campus, and letting one of the few ways to make things change on campus die that easy is a travesty.

That's not the whole story, though, because the PUC administration deserves some blame for this. Sure, a large percentage of PUC students don't even know there is a student government on campus, but for those who do the lack of communication has been staggering. An email was sent to students over the summer to inform them of the SGA restructuring committee to be made up of both students and administration. But beyond that no town hall

meeting was conducted, no open forum was held and no flyer was circulated.

And even though PUC is not like other universities, when the administration wants to get the word out about something it can. For instance, take the forum held in the wake of the NIU tragedy or the three nights of town hall meetings about the new strategic plan of PUC.

If the administration sees the need to cancel SGA elections the least the campus community needs is an explanation of the reason behind it.

Imagine if the Faculty Senate suddenly was disbanded to be reorganized. The faculty would be up in arms and rightly so.

But now it's up to the student population to reorganize the SGA. Now let's hope PUC begins to start to look like other schools for once.

Letter to the Editor

Both of Ryan Metz's articles in this week's paper are offensive and show lack of talent. When considering the average age of a PUC student is above 18 and many are working parents who are simply trying to get an education, his comments about finding the hot girls is disgusting.

Most of these 18-year-old hot girls he speaks of probably came to PUC because they either didn't have the grades, funds or desire to

go to another college. While PUC is a good school with some great teachers, it's not Harvard. Therefore, these "smokin' hot" girls should be focusing on more important things while in class than being a sex object to the likes of you and your fellow horny classmates.

Secondly, your Olympic observations were pathetic. I'm sure if you were the 60-year-old equestrian or a member of the bad-

minton team you'd feel a lot different. Don't be so jaded to think that just because a sport isn't important to a myopic person like you, it's not beloved to someone else.

It's a good thing you enrolled at a smaller school like PUC because you'd never make it at a real news department. Your stories have been subpar since you've started at The Chronicle.

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Pay attention as we watch history



Ryan Metz
Sports Editor

America is said to be a melting pot of society, which includes different ages, colors and creeds. If that statement is indeed true, then why have we only presented the Leader of the Free World to other countries as only being old, white men?

Last week that changed, as Sen. Barack Obama accepted the Democratic nomination for president in Denver. Obama etched his name in the history books by becoming the first black man nominated by his party for president. Reports said 38 million people watched the Illinois senator's acceptance speech where he put himself in the shadow of great leaders like John F. Kennedy, Franklin Roosevelt and Martin Luther King, Jr.

Not to be trumped by Obama, his opponent John McCain, a maverick at heart, picked Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin as his running mate on the Republican ticket. Palin, a 44-year-old, is a first-term governor and a mother of five who boasts that one of her favorite foods is a mooseburger from her home state of Alaska.

Announcing his decision the morning after Obama's acceptance speech, in a canny PR coup, McCain introduced Palin as his political partner, "who can best help me shake up Washington and make it start working again for the people who are counting on us."

Shake it up; indeed they will. Both Obama and Palin will certainly diversify the ol' boys' club now in Washington. Obama enjoys shooting hoops, and has even vowed to install a basketball court in the White House if elected. The graduate of Columbia University and Harvard Law School, is the son of a black Kenyan and white woman from Kansas.

Obama appeals to the young vote with his snazzy rhetoric which has resonated with young voters who believe in his hope and change campaign.

The saying goes: "Behind every great man stands a great woman," and that woman standing behind McCain happens to be an attractive one at that, wearing a pantsuit. She brings youth and an everyman appeal to the ticket, that so desperately needed it given that McCain turned 72-years-old last week and has made claims that he's not exactly sure how many houses he owns.

Palin, the former beauty pageant queen is an advocate for domestic oil drilling and is sure to bring in votes from former Hillary Clinton admirers.

So throw your political allegiances aside and just acknowledge the fact that the world is getting a true view of what the melting pot of America truly is now.

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Summer's not over, yet

LeAnne Munoz
Staff Writer

With summer drawing to a close, it seems as though many of the fun things to do during this hot season are leaving along with it. However, there are still plenty of fun activities to do that can help the avid beach-dweller stretch out-



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the dog days of summer.

*If outdoor adventures are something that catches the eye, camping is a great way to transition oneself into the autumn days.

*Pack up for a few days and head out into the wilderness, or set up camp right in the backyard. Either way, a nice mini-vacation can be enjoyed in between the stress that the weekdays tend to bring.

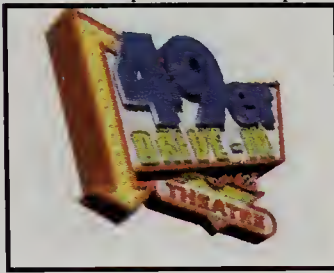
*Make the adventure even more fun by incorporating those traditional favorites, such as the ingredients to make some yummy



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s'mores and a good old fashioned scary story.

*Finding local concerts to attend can be another way to keep the memory of summer alive and it can be as easy as checking out the bulletin board at school, the local coffeehouse, or browsing the web.

There are a myriad of different venues to check out, from rock to classical; keep the summer spirit



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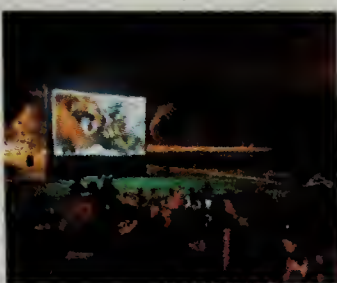
from escaping and try something new – it just might be a new and interesting style that sticks!

*Going to a local drive-in may also be just the ticket to a good time for any group of friends. The 49er Drive-In, located on 675

North Calumet Avenue in Valparaiso, is only \$7 per person for a double-feature.

All concessions are fairly inexpensive, but bringing your own food or drink is always allowed in the park.

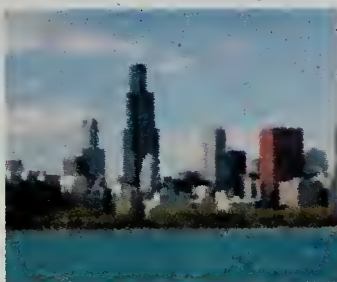
The movies are new releases and change every weekend, so



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there are plenty of opportunities to check this place out.

*If driving out to Valparaiso doesn't seem cost effective, stay local by checking out Wicker-Memorial Park, which plays a new



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children's movie every Thursday around 7 pm. Bring a blanket and something to eat, making this a nice way to end the day, as well as a fun way to spend some time with the family.

*A fun way to get out and about for anyone who likes to



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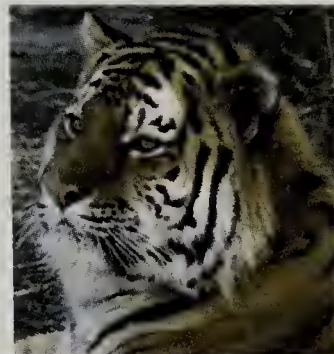
explore is to take a trip to Chicago and go sightseeing.

*\$8 will get a round trip on the train to Chicago.

*Visiting the zoo is another fun way to spend the day, and starting October 2, all zoo admis-

sion is free on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This will make it hard to reject the idea of seeing all the cute animals.

Even though the autumn leaves are almost here and everyone is back to school, summer can still live on in the hearts of those who just can't seem to let go, by stretching it out for as long as pos-



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Tasty subs are just the start of the menu

Mark Farner
Staff Writer

Headaches with hookees? Fear woes with gyros? Given up on grinders? Try giving Tony's Submarine Sandwiches a taste.

Customers place and pick up their food at a counter with a divider separating it from the rest of the restaurant. The staff is friendly and enthusiastic. The setup allows one to watch them preparing orders behind the counter.

People have been spoiled by the competition's practice of literally walking step by step through a sandwich. At Tony's, the employees work hard, making orders quickly and correctly.

Whether they're working the counter or making food in the back, the staff acts professionally and are intent on what they're doing.

The prices are reasonable, with the submarine sandwiches ranging from \$2.49 for a 6 inch vegetarian to \$6.91 for a foot long grilled chicken breast.

These prices would've been comparable to Subway's and Quizno's before the \$5 foot long special.

Most of the other items on the menu range from one to five dollars and almost everything includes fries. The most expensive thing on the menu is a pound of shrimp for \$12.

The submarine sandwiches, available in a 6 inch or foot long, come on a freshly baked wheat or white bread roll.



Photo by Rick Balutewicz

Tony's Submarine Sandwiches has a huge variety to choose from. Their secret sauce might give Subway and Quizno's a run for their money

They're topped with lettuce, tomatoes, onions, Swiss American cheese, mayonnaise and their special dressing. They can be ordered hot or cold.

Choices include roast beef, corned beef, pastrami, smoked ham, turkey breast, salami, Capicola, Rueben, BBQ beef, tuna, vegetarian, meatball, and grilled chicken breast. The ingredients are comparable to Subway's or Quizno's.

There's also hot dogs, jumbo or polish, with cheese, chili, or both. They also serve hamburgers,

cheeseburgers, boneless BBQ ribs, chicken and fish.

Other items on the menu include soup, chili, beef sandwiches, Italian sausage, a beef and sausage combination, and gyros on pita bread.

They have a selection of salads, including Caesar and Greek.

Side orders include onion rings, mozzarella sticks, mushrooms and pizza puffs. If there's room for dessert, there are cookies, slices of regular or chocolate chip cheesecake.

The foot long smoked ham

tasted better than the usual cold cut trio from Subway. However, the better something is, the worse it usually is healthwise — sort of a tasty paradox.

The bread roll and the sub ingredients are fresh and delicious. In terms of taste, their special dressing puts Tony's submarine sandwiches above Subway, but below Quizno's.

Restaurant décor includes booths, two seater tables, and a television in the corner. The feel is somewhere between a fast food place and an average restaurant.

It has a genuinely warm atmosphere, a nice laid back feel, and clean floors and table.

The lunch time patrons appeared very comfortable, talking to each other or just watching television.

If the craving for a sub strikes suddenly, try out Tony's Subs. Even if the craving isn't for a sub, there's plenty more that Tony's has to offer to satisfy any craving.

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Version tells other side of the story



Photo provided

Phantom ran July 17 thru August 17 at Theater at the Center in Munster. The play told the traditional story, but this time from the Phantom's perspective. It shed light on his motives and behavior that allows him to be seen from the other end of the spectrum.

Stephanie Stern
Staff Writer

Bill Pullinsi has created the latest version of "The Phantom of the Opera". Although he has also offered doses of murder, suspense, action and a side of doomed love that all come wrapped up in a package, he also offers the Phantom a chance to be understood for who he really is.

Andrew Lloyd Webber's version, based on the book by Arthur

Kopit, gave deep appreciation for the music and a perception of the phantom as a monster. Director Bill Pullinsi and Music Director Valerie Yeston presented a different version.

Webber's version of "Phantom" portrays the Phantom as a monster that falls in love with opera singer Christine Daae.

The Phantom's love for Christine becomes an obsession. However, Pullinsi's version offered a deeper understanding because of the back round story provided by

the Phantom as well as his feelings for Christine that portrayed love rather than obsession.

Pullinsi's "Phantom" received rave reviews in 1991 at the Candlelight Dinner Playhouse. It ran through August 17 at The Theatre at the Center in Munster and successfully produced a version that gave appreciation for the music and a different side to a well knows love story.

This version showed the rise of Christine Daae, portrayed by Johanna McKenzie Miller, as an

opera singer. She was the protégé of the already famous (but horribly untalented) opera singer and opera house owner La Carlotta, portrayed by Marilyn Bogetich. La Carlotta outwardly helped Christine by giving her the lead role. Privately, La Carlotta schemed a way to destroy Christine's career and keep the fame to herself.

The Phantom, disgusted with the voice of La Carlotta and amazed by the talent possessed by Christine, presented himself to Christine and offered to help de-

velop her voice.

The voice lessons given by the Phantom turned his want for help into deep, passionate feelings of love for Christine.

Along the way, the audience learned more of what made the Phantom who he was and why he wore a mask.

By seeing the Phantom's side of the story, understand and even pity were felt rather than resentment towards the misunderstood character.

Larry Adams and Johanna McKenzie Miller shown brightly as the Phantom and Christine.

Adams produced richness in his voice that fulfills without overpowering. Miller's voice was beautiful and flawlessness.

Together the two produced deep emotions and a greater understanding of the relationship between the Phantom and Christine.

The finishing touch of the production was the set. It was simple and composed mostly of moveable props.

There was one piece that kept the simple design from being dull. It was the ability to raise the stage to produce a second stage that served as the setting of the Phantom's lair.

Although trying to fill the shoes of Webber's version of "Phantom" was quite a task, Pullinsi pulled it off nicely.

He proved that not all things are always as they seem to be. Maybe instead of seeing the Phantom as a monster with a mask he will be seen as a misunderstood man in a cruel and understanding world.

Rip off ending ruins a great book



The Raw Shark Texts has vivid descriptions and a one of a kind storyline. The lack of originality in the final chapters ruins the whole book.

Katie Ramsey
Entertainment Editor

"The Raw Shark Texts" is unlike anything read before. It's the birth of a new genre. The genre is a hard to pin point, though. It's a pinch of literature, a dash of fiction, a smidge of mystery and a hint of thriller.

Despite the melting pot, the ending is a huge let down. It is an unoriginal rip off. After 400 pages of originality the ending crushes the spirit of individuality.

Eric Sanderson wakes up on his bedroom floor gasping for air. He has no idea who he is.

A doctor Randle attempts to help him, but he finds puzzling notes that tell him that she means well, but cannot help him. He begins receiving packages from himself with tid bits of information. The fragments inside try to explain to him what has happened and how he can decode the whole mystery.

The only clue that makes sense to him is the diary entries he left himself. He reads about a lover named Clio who suddenly and mysteriously died.

As he attempts to unwind the

tale of his life a deadly predator is determined to stop him.

Allied with the only two people that can help, Eric sets out on a quest to figure out what happened to his former self.

The predator is never far behind and the three of them must figure out how to stay ahead of it and figure out this mystery at the same time.

The description of something as simple as how the air in a room smells is so exquisite that it can be smelled right along with Eric. "The air inside tasted flat and lifeless and carried an idle kind of musk—rainwater on old plaster, decaying paper, little circles of black mould—and the faint aftertong of TCP."

This novel is chucked full of sensationally rich descriptions. It leaves no questions as to how something might look, feel, smell or taste.

A big problem with this book, though, is the climactic ending. The scenario, events and climax are straight from the movie "Jaws". The excitement of what will happen to Eric and his two companions withers away as the conclusion becomes painstakingly clear. No need to mention what's

happened if "Jaws" has been seen. It's the same fate.

How can a book be so abstract, so original, so out of this world and then just fall apart at the end? It's hard to find a worth while book these days anyway and this book was a golden ticket until the conclusion.

Contemplation of not reading the ending came to mind. After becoming intimate with the characters it was felt that they deserved an ending to their tale. If it hadn't been for them, the author would have been ditched as soon as the boat started sinking.

To make matters worse, Eric is the only one left and has to eliminate the predator all on his own. Where's Chief Brody when you need him?

This is Steven Hall's first novel. He is on the right track and has the most vivid imagination of any author ever read, but it's suggested that he comes up with his own ideas before his ship is sunk.

2/5 Overall Stars



Rootclip gives audience choice

Check out these new

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- * I am Legend-- Young Dro
- * Hello Love-- Chris Tomlin



Rootclip allows their audience to film what they think should happen next. It is submitted online and viewers get to vote. Winners receive a grand prize of \$2,000.

Darshei Goode
Staff Writer

Rootclip.com is a website that was created to give student filmmakers, writers, actors and movie fans the ability to collaborate on a video project.

The concept behind the website is having students compete for various prizes by uploading their own versions of movie parts to create a whole movie.

How it works is simple. Rootclip starts off a new story with a short movie clip. Interested viewers shoot their own version of the next chapter and submit it online. Other users vote on their favorite one and the judges panel counts for 50% of the votes.

The video with the most votes wins \$250 and a few other nice prizes. Then they move on to the next chapter and continue the same process.

After that participants can compete for the final chapter and win the grand prize of \$2,000.

The use of the website is free and easy to use. Open only to legal residents of the United States and District of Columbia.

Entering the contest is simple, but there are of course a few rules and regulations to follow. Must be at least 18 years old to enter. Any submissions belong to the sponsor. The entry is limited to one entry per person per household. Multiple party submissions are not eligible and will not be accepted.

All entries must be original. There are also submission guidelines that must be followed.

It's quick and simple to register as a voter. Just provide a username, password, email address, and a full birthday. Voters can be as young as 13 years old. The registration process also includes reading and agreeing with the terms of use and the privacy policy.

Follow the activation link in your email to complete the registration. Once the link is followed, log in and let the voting begin!

Their goal is to be the catalyst that gets people thinking and being creative with video in such a way that it infects the masses and brings a new life to the art of film making.

The concept and idea behind this website is a great way to get creative minds a way to express themselves, while being able to win prizes.

It also gives the critics an opportunity to get a head start on opening their minds for judgment.

Maybe professors might be able to use this website as a reference in audio visual classes on campus, giving students an opportunity to have some hands on experience.

It is recommended to join and participate in this website if interests include videos and movies.

Like expressing your opinion on how dinner tasted? Do you like pointing out everything that made that movie horrible? Your opinion is wanted!

Stop by SUL344H and pick up an application to be an entertainment writer.

What are you waiting for?!

Name the only land mammal that can't jump.

Last week's answer:

Wrigley's gum

weekly trivia

Police Blotter

8.18.08 – UV – 9:49 p.m.

Car Jacking – Victim said his vehicle was taken by gunpoint. With the assistance of the Hammond Police Department the victim's vehicle was recovered and the suspect was taken into custody.

Closed

8.23.08 – UV – 5:00 a.m.

Theft from Vehicle – Victim advised an unknown subject gained entry to the trunk of his vehicle and removed his speakers and amplifier without permission.

Open

8.25.08 – SUL – 1:00 p.m.

Theft – Victims said they left their book bag outside room 150 in SUL. When they returned for the bag it was missing. Later in the day the victim called and advised they had recovered their bag.

Closed

8.25.08 – UV – 3:00 p.m.

No Trespass Order – Subject who was previously banned from the UV was issued a formal No Trespass order.

Closed

8.25.08 – Cafeteria – 1:00 p.m.

Counterfeit Money – During a routine deposit from Chartwell's the bank found a counterfeit \$20 bill. The bill was confiscated and turned over to the secret service.

Closed

8.27.08 – UV – 11:20 p.m.

No Trespass Order – A no trespass order was issued to two non-residences after officers responded to a complaint of a loud party at the UV. The gathering was closed down after alcohol was found in the room. The matter was then forwarded to the Dean of Students.

Referred to DOS

8.27.08 – SUL – 11:30 a.m.

Stalking/Harassment – The victim reported an ex-boyfriend stalking and harassing her while she was on campus. The suspect, not a student at PUC, showed up at one of her classes and left a note on her car. The victim will notify PD if suspect is seen on campus again.

Closed

8.28.08 – Founder's Plaza – 11:25 a.m.

Theft – The victim reported his cell phone taken after he momentarily set it down on a picnic table while he was attending the PUC convocation. The phone was later recovered and turned into the Information Center.

Closed

8.28.08 – Founder's Plaza – 11:50 a.m.

Theft – Victim reported his laptop computer was taken from a display table at the PUC convocation. The laptop had been left unattended with some other items while the victim left to park his vehicle. The computer was recovered and turned into the Information Center.

Closed

Sudoku Easy

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Tuesday
September 2
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91°/69°



Wednesday
September 3
T-Showers
74°/59°



Thursday
September 4
Showers
67°/58°



Friday
September 5
Showers
75°/56°

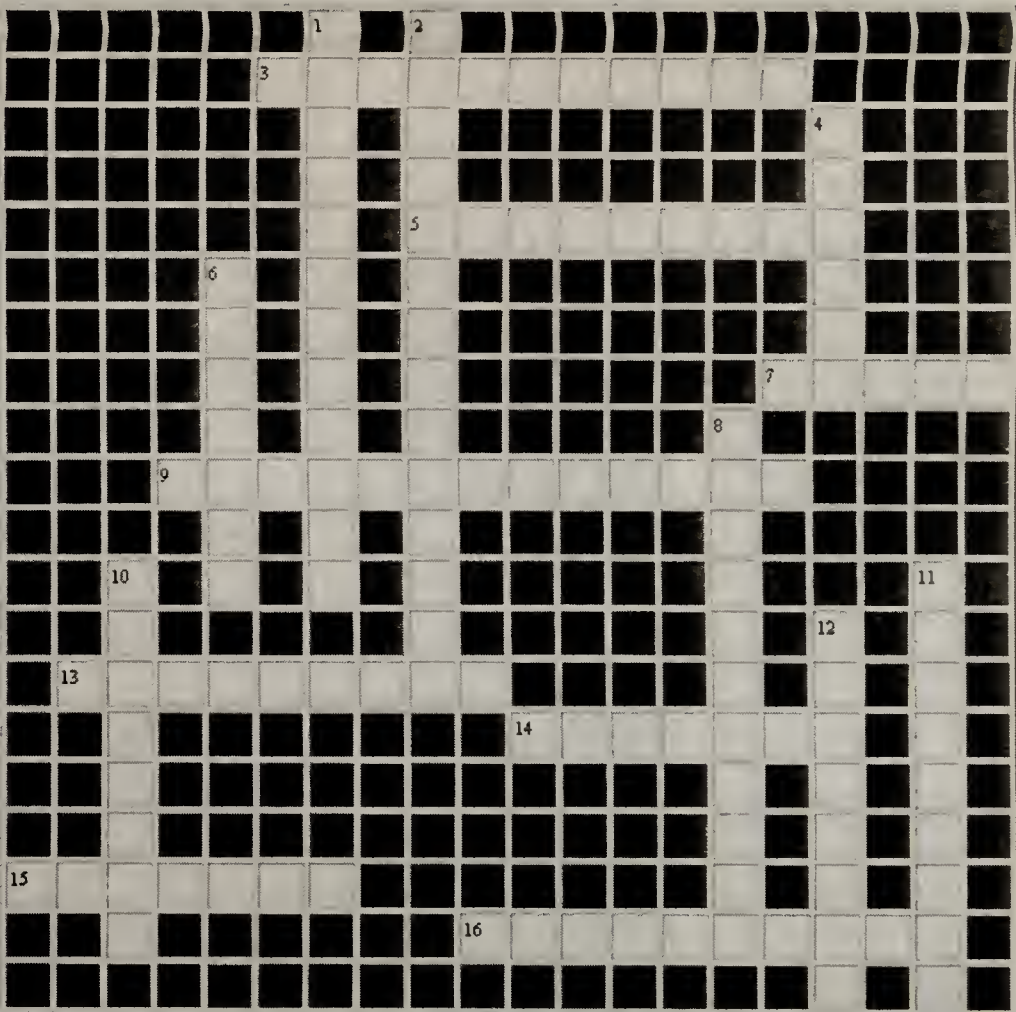


Saturday
September 6
Mostly Sunny
78°/59°



Sunday
September 7
Few Showers
75°/55°

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Across

- 3. the name of Family Guy's Star Wars parody
- 5. currently plays the voice of Meg Griffin
- 7. the university that Brian Griffin attended
- 9. Lois's maiden name
- 13. Peter Griffin works at this brewery
- 14. the name of the country Peter created when he found out his house wasn't technically in the United States
- 15. Wallace Shawn plays Stewie's evil half brother who goes by the name _____
- 16. he is one of Peter's best friends who happens to be a cop

Down

- 1. owner of the wacky waving inflatable arm flaying Tubeman Emporium and Warehouse
- 2. he is the executive producer of family guy
- 4. Brian's brother who lives in Los Angeles
- 6. name of the creepy old man who has a fascination with Chris
- 8. plays the role of death
- 10. Peter's friend who happens to be a pilot
- 11. Peters friend who will be getting his own spin-off show on Fox
- 12. in Family Guy, he is the mayor of Quahog, Rhode Island

Peregrines: Revitalized and ready



Chronicle archive

Peregrine coach Tom Megyesi gives direction to the team during a timeout last season. The women finished the season with a 7-24 record.

Odie Gray
Staff Writer

On the last game of the previous 2007-2008 season the Peregrines had little to look forward to. They were trailing big in the second half to end a mediocre performance of 3-7 in the conference and 7-24 on the season while about to lose again.

All year long they struggled with turnovers (23 per game), lack of depth on the bench (only a 7 player rotation), and shot only 39% as a team from the field for the season.

Worst of all an intricate part of their team, Senior All-Conference Player Lindsay Smith would no longer be able to return next year and rain down 3s in an effort to help rally the Peregrines into a win.

Seemingly all looked sour, yet with morale and expectations low, second year women's head coach, Tom Megyesi buckled down and promised a show of focus and determination to help manage his team into victory for the upcoming 2008-2009 season.

While studying the tendencies of other top teams he conceded he would be able to implement a better offensive attack while getting better defensively. Coach Megyesi feels the team has something to prove this season and wants everyone to come out and support the team.

"We are all very excited to get things started and worked very hard during the off season," Megyesi said.

Everyone on the team was said to have a winning mentality this summer and why not with the potential recruits that were brought in along with the returning upperclassmen.

Jamesha Harris (12 ppg) and Sara Keilman (8.5 ppg) who dominated last year with the team despite heavy minutes.

The season opener begins on Oct. 31 vs. St. Francis of Illinois who last year were victorious twice against the Peregrines.

The Lady Peregrines is on a journey of redemption to show what they can truly do when they work hard and play to the end.

The urge to silence all the naysayers is apparent and should make for some good basketball.



Returning statistic leaders

Points

Jamesha Harris	12.2 ppg
Jennifer Britton	11.8 ppg
Chrissy Lobodinski	9.4 ppg

Rebounds

LaKeisha Hurst	6.5 rpg
Chrissy Lobodinski	5.7 rpg
Sara Keilman	5.7 rpg

Assists

Jamesha Harris	4.4 apg
Cortney Robinson	1.6 apg
Chrissy Lobodinski	1.2 apg

Intramurals kickoff at PUC this week

Joe Wielosinski
Staff Writer

Another school year has started, and now it's time for another season of intramural sports at PUC.

Last season, over 1,000 students participated in the various sports and competitions which have a long history at PUC, according to Intramural Sports Coordinator Matt Dudzik.

"Two of the original sports played were volleyball and basketball, and those started around the time when this building was constructed in the '80s," said Dudzik. "They also had softball and soccer when there were fields around here," he added.

Now in his fourth year as head of intramural sports, Dudzik has added many new sports over the years while continuing the popular ones as well.

"Volleyball and Flag Football will be back. Those two are extremely popular because traditionally, people grow up playing those while growing up," said Dudzik.

This season, the first ever Twinkie eating competition will be held. According to Dudzik, if all goes well, there will be a new eating competition each year. The



Chronicle archive photo

Flag football, which begins on Sept. 15, is one of many intramural sports that will be held this year at PUC.

second annual baking contest will also take place. Last year, contestants all baked their own brownie, with the winner getting their recipe served in the cafeteria.

This season, there will be a cookie baking contest. Competitors can make either a healthy cookie, which must have under

seven grams of fat and less than 130 calories, or a cookie with no limitations.

"The winners of the two competitions will compete in a bake-off, and there will have a taste-tester who will see if they can tell the difference between the healthy cookie and the non-

healthy one," said Dudzik.

Intramural sports have become a great way for PUC students to get involved.

"Intramurals are a fun, healthy, constructive way to bring together a commuter campus," said Josh Couwenhoven, a sophomore majoring in broadcasting

who played intramural volleyball last season. "It helps give the school a feel of a larger campus," he added.

The new season of Intramurals begins Tuesday September 4th, with a game of Open Play Dodgeball.

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Quote of the week

“We've been vanilla the entire preseason. We are not going to use that as a reason for not playing as well as we need to. We're not going to go down that road. Yeah, we'll have a lot more stuff in [when we play the Colts], but that's the base stuff we run.”



Lovie Smith, addressing his defensive problems during the pre-season

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Ryan Metz's

Weekly High Five

Best Sporting Moments of the Semester

1 Tiger wins the U.S. Open



It took an extra 19 holes on the following Monday, but the ailing Woods hit one remarkable shot after another on the scenic Pacific Ocean layout to win his 14th major title. It was found out two days later that Woods won Torrey Pines despite a torn ACL, and a double stress fracture in his leg.

2 Michael Phelps getting 8 Golds



The Water Cube in Beijing is where Phelps went for eight gold medals and seven world records. The 23-year-old with the 6'7" wingspan dazzled crowds with his relay team that beat the French in the 4x100 meter freestyle relay. Edging Milorad Cavic by a finger-nail in the 100m butterfly also was spectacular.

3 Baseball's All Star Events



The former drug addict Josh Hamilton won over the New York crowd with impressive moon shots – which included three homers over 500 feet in the first round of the All-Star Home Run Derby – eventually losing to Justin Morneau in the finals. The actual game was the longest in history, a 15 inning thriller.

4 Rafael Nadal defeats Roger Federer at the Wimbledon Final



In what has been dubbed the best tennis match of all-time, Nadal beat Federer, ending his five-year reign as Wimbledon champ. The Spaniard won the epic battle in five grueling sets and possibly signaling a change of guards as the best tennis player.

5 Celtics defeat Lakers in Finals



The Boston Celtics won their 17th NBA title and a first one, with for Paul Pierce, Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen, their new Big Three. It took the Celtics 26 post-season games to capture the title. Boston hadn't won a title since 1986, the Larry Bird era.

What are sports without a villain?



Ryan Metz
Sports Editor

What would Batman's Gotham city look like without the Joker? Or imagine Star Wars without an appearance from Darth Vader? Or what about Superman without the worries of Lex Luthor?

Now enter Chicago, the third biggest media market in the country and fresh off losing its top two villains: Jay Mariotti and Mike North.

Let's face it, Chicago without Mariotti and North became a whole lot softer. Both cynics kept the heat on the Chicago sports scene, and rightfully so. No two polarizing figures inspired such passionate opinions – both for and against – as these guys did. They provided constant fodder for sports conversation around the lunch cooler and basically provided a regular dialogue for an entire day of sports radio.

North's rise from hot dog vendor at Wrigley Field to hosting the morning show on WSCR 670-AM the Score included borderline racist ramblings. North was never afraid to throw blows at Chicago sports figures with his pull no punches demeanor.

In June of 2008, North left his gig at the Score after 16 years when his contract ended and the station and North couldn't compromise on a new deal.

Mariotti, who left his sport's column at the Sun-Times last week after 17 years, ripping his former employee on the way out, saying their website was archaic and he didn't want to go down on a sinking ship. His personal battles included shots at fellow staffers, team owners, managers, coaches, players and even team broadcasters.

In June 2006, Mariotti was the target of a public rant with White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen after the columnist questioned the manager's handling of demoted relief pitcher. Guillen got fed up with the accusation and lashed out at Mariotti in a profanity laced tirade that questioned his sexual preference.

By all accounts, could Mariotti have improved his relationships with his co-workers and could he have made more appearances in the teams' locker rooms? Sure. But did he do his job and keep a critical eye on the Chicago sports landscape and keep readers craving to open the back page? Without a doubt.

All that being said, these two contrarians played the villain role in Chicago perfectly and never threw rose pedals at the feet of the athletes.

So what does Chicago look like without them? A much more optimistic and cheerful place, for sure, but a far less entertaining one at that.

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CTIS Connection

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New Semester New Student Logins

Changing technology means changes in the way we use that technology. This new semester heralds a change in the way we log into computers on campus. Today we're going to go over how to log into all of the main systems.

- **Novell** – Login using your Career Account Username, a dot, the first letter of your username, a dot, and the word students. Ex: John Doe is jdoe.j.students
Your password has been reset to your 8 character birth date. You can find your Career Account Username in PC STAR.
- **Blackboard** – Login using your Career Account Username and current password. By default, this is your 6 character birth date. This password has NOT been reset.
- **Netmail** - Login using your Career Account Username and 8 character birth date. You have been assigned a new e-mail address. Your new email address will be your Career Account username @ calumet.purdue.edu.
- **PC STAR** – PUID login name and PIN will remain the same, no changes until Spring 2009.
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NATIONAL LAMPOON SPORTS MINUTE

Little League officials in Connecticut have declared a nine-year-old pitcher with a 40-mph fastball is too good to play. He doesn't care because he just got called up to the Yankees.

Tampa Bay Rays rookie third baseman Evan Longoria will resume hitting this week. No word yet on when the Yankees will follow suit.

The Milwaukee Bucks will face the Golden State Warriors this fall in an exhibition game in China. Both teams are suspicious of the NBA's intentions, since there are no return flights booked.

Kurt Warner has been named Arizona's starting quarterback. Matt Leinart will be devastated as soon as he sobers up.

China wants the world to know that its athletes are old enough to compete. And they'll tell everyone as soon as the girls can say their first words.

Boston Celtics guard Ray Allen is marrying the woman he's been dating for the last 12 years. It took her that long to forgive him for "He Got Game."

The Bengals are close to bringing back Chris Henry. In fact, they've already put up a down payment on his bail money.

And NASCAR has suspended seven members of Joe Gibbs Racing. Apparently, they tested positive for teeth.

Written by Steve Hofstetter, Keith Alberstadt, Adam Hofstetter, Cody Marley, Ryan Murphy, Elliot Steingart, and Chris Strait

**East****New England Patriots**

Brady's 2007 numbers will be impossible to repeat.

New York Jets

Broadway Brett sure does look different in green and white.

Buffalo Bills

Running back Marshawn Lynch should carry the rock well.

Miami Dolphins

Year one of Parcells' project.

North**Pittsburgh Steelers**

Big Ben's arsenal gets better with emergence of WR Holmes.

Cleveland Browns

QB Derek Anderson will find Winslow and Edwards often.

Cincinnati Bengals

Big question: More wins or more players on police blotter?

Baltimore Ravens

The defense ages, while they groom QB Joe Flacco.

South**Indianapolis Colts**

Year one of Lucas Oil Stadium.

Jacksonville Jaguars

Ultra-efficient QB David Garrard only threw 3 INTs last year.

Houston Texans

Tough break that they play in the hardest division in football.

Tennessee Titans

QB Young threw 17 INTs in '07.

West**San Diego Chargers**

Best roster in the NFL.

Denver Broncos

Mike Shanahan still hasn't won a playoff game without Elway.

Kansas City Chiefs

Possibly the worst QB situation in the NFL.

Oakland Raiders

Offense is talented, but young.

**East****Dallas Cowboys**

America's team hasn't won a playoff game since 1996.

New York Giants

First his brother, now Favre takes center stage before Eli.

Philadelphia Eagles

Will McNabb play 16 games?

Washington Redskins

QB Jason Campbell is solid.

North**Green Bay Packers**

Year one without Favre.

Detroit Lions

Breakout year for Ernie Sims.

Minnesota Vikings

Great roster, minus the QB.

Chicago Bears

Who will they draft at QB in next year's draft?

South**Tampa Bay Buccaneers**

The clock is ticking on LB Derrick Brooks.

Carolina Panthers

Peppers had 2.5 sacks in '07.

Atlanta Falcons

Rookie Matt Ryan will be the only draw for Falcons' fans.

New Orleans Saints

Bush has only 15 career TDs.

West**Seattle Seahawks**

Holmgren's final season.

Arizona Cardinals

When will Leinart become star?

San Francisco 49ers

Montana, Young, O'Sullivan?

St. Louis Rams

RB Jackson is a load to tackle.

Forecast: A Bear market



ESPN.com

Brian Urlacher needs to stay healthy for the Bears defense to improve against the run.

Ryan Metz

Sports Editor

An old football adage is that if you have a quarterback battle on your team, you don't have a worthy quarterback at all. That statement defines the quarterback situation for the Chicago Bears.

Kyle Orton was named the starter following a pseudo-competition throughout training camp with Rex Grossman. Orton's game management skills won over coaches who have come to the realization that the offense won't be great, but would be better served winning games by minimizing

turnovers on offense and letting the defense win games.

Don't be surprised if Grossman finds the field given the fact the makeshift offensive line will have a hard time keeping the quarterback's jersey clean. An offensive line was thought to be stabilized by picking 6-6, 320 pound tackle Chris Williams in the first round of the draft, only to have him go down in his first practice with a back problem, which required surgery to repair a herniated disc that will likely cost him his rookie season.

Coach Lovie Smith still adheres to the fact the Bears are a get-off-the-bus running football team, however, finishing 30th in

the league at rushing certainly proves otherwise. The Bears will start rookie Matt Forte at running back because of his versatility of being a three-down back. The rookie from Tulane has the instincts to be a solid pass blocker which complements his physical up-right running style.

Devin Hester will get more plays at receiver this season, given the fact opposing teams will kick away from him on special teams. Hester is the only true play-maker in a receiving corps that could be among the league's worst. Greg Olsen and Desmond Clark return at tight end, with Olsen being the receiving threat and Clark getting snaps in running plays.

Offense

QB Kyle Orton
RB Matt Forte
FB Jason McKie
WR Devin Hester
WR Brandon Lloyd
TE Greg Olsen
LT John St. Clair
LG Terrence Metcalf
C Olin Kreutz
RG Roberto Garza
RT John Tait

Defense

LE Adewale Ogunleye
LT Tommie Harris
RT Anthony Adams
RE Alex Brown
SLB Hunter Hillenmeyer
MLB Brian Urlacher
WLB Lance Briggs
LCB Charles Tillman
RCB Nathan Vasher
SS Brandon McGowan
FS Mike Brown

Complacency will be a concern for a highly paid defense that saw them finish 28th overall. A leaky run and shaky pass defense last season has all the tools necessary to improve if they stay healthy and hungry.

The defensive front seven should improve with Tommie Harris, who when healthy, can be one of the league's most disruptive forces. Brian Urlacher lost a step last season after playing with a bad back and only made matters worse with a surly, bad attitude.

Nathan Vasher and Charles "Peanut" Tillman are among the best corner pairs in the league. Safety Mike Brown will try, once again, to stay on the field after being crippled with injuries.

Colts primed for another run



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Joseph Addai posted 1,072 yards last season along with 12 TDs and will continue to improve.

Ryan Metz

Sports Editor

the league.

Running back Joseph Addai is the complete package at running back. His tremendous receiving skills only add to his quality running skills, inside the tackles and outside.

Is there any question that "the franchise player" would not suit up to play in front of a packed house on Sunday night in their swanky new Lucas Oil Stadium after having surgery to remove an infected bursa sac from his left knee in July? No.

Peyton Manning, who has started every game in his 11 seasons in Indianapolis, will shake off the rust quickly after missing the entire pre-season with the injury. Manning will continue to orchestrate the most complete offense in

Reggie Wayne took over the No. 1 receiver position last season, after Marvin Harrison went down for 11 games after a knee injury. Wayne caught 104 balls last season, along with 1,510 yards and 10 touchdowns. Harrison, 36, is a future Hall-of-Famer, who most likely will be more of a possession receiver with his superb route running skills. Second year receiver, Anthony Gonzalez, will emerge in the slot and be on the receiving end

of many Manning darts.

The anchor of the offensive line, three-time Pro Bowl center Jeff Saturday, went down with a knee injury in a pre-season game and his loss could definitely hurt the offense, but look for them to roll on without him.

The defense ranked first in the NFL with the least amount of points allowed (16.4 points), in large part because the offense does such a good job keeping them off the field. The aggressive, under-sized defense wears down if they are exposed when on the field for long periods of time.

Dwight Freeney and Robert Mathis are ends who try to get on the outside edge and put relentless

Offense

QB Peyton Manning
RB Joseph Addai
H-B Gijon Robinson
WR Reggie Wayne
WR Marvin Harrison
TE Dallas Clark
LT Tony Ugoh
LG Ryan Lilja
C Jeff Saturday
RG Charlie Johnson
RT Ryan Diem

Defense

LE Robert Mathis
LT Keyunta Dawson
RT Ed Johnson
RE Dwight Freeney
SLB Tyjuan Hagler
MLB Gary Brackett
WLB Freddy Keiaho
LCB Kelvin Hayden
RCB Marlin Jackson
SS Bob Sanders
FS Antoine Bethea

pressure on the opposing quarterback with their cat-quickness. Freeney, who is coming off a foot injury, will try to get back to double digit sacks, which he hasn't had since 2005.

A starless linebacker group is led by Gary Brackett, entering his fourth year as middle linebacker.

The main cog on the defense is 5-8, 206 pound, Safety Bob Sanders who has no regard for his body as he flies around the field with reckless abandon. The corners are Marlin Jackson and Kelvin Hayden who are both big and solid and work perfectly for coach Tony Dungy's cover-two defense.